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4-Hers communicate with speeches and demonstrations

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point 4-H Beef Club members made their way through snow-clogged roads to compete in their annual Communications event on Sunday, five members presenting speeches and six with demonstrations that showed skills and expertise that wowed the judges, who were introduced by mistress of ceremonies Lexi Wirsta to start off the morning.

Judge Ruth Purdy, a former 4-H member and leader, praised all five of the speakers, saying she "really

THE 4-H MOTTO, 'Learn to do by doing,' was key to Luke Germain's top Intermediate presentation on 'Making a European Deer Mount,' a skill he learned hands-on.

enjoyed" junior speaker Jove Boorse's speech, 'Heroes,' which she felt was "a very mature topic" very well handled by the young orator. His sister Darianna's speech, entitled "Stop Kidding Around," which dealt with the widespread raising of goats for meat, milk and helpful habits, had Purdy convinced that "goats are very useful."

All three senior speakers also impressed her, she said. Kailey Wirsta's winning speech, which asked, "Are We Really Prepared" and questioned why schools don't teach more life skills and less Shakespeare and higher mathematics and chemistry, led Purdy, who teaches CALM 20, to say the speech brought forward "really pertinent ideas on what students need to know" when they complete school and begin their adult lives.

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Elk Point's new Fire Chief planning improvements

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Newly elected Fire Chief Peter Hewitt and new Deputy Fire Chief Kent Bernard, who were voted into those positions at the Fire Department's Jan. 14 Annual General Meeting, came to the Jan 28 meeting of Elk Point town council with a list of seven strategic priorities which they feel will "create the right environment" for the department.

They would like to strengthen relationships and partnerships with the County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point, First Nations reserves, EMS and STARS, the RCMP and the community, to enhance training for members through courses and the appointment of a training officer, lay down driver competency requirements and hold yearly evaluations, and ensure that drivers abstracts and criminal background checks are in place.

The new leadership hopes to upgrade the rescue boat and purchase a new

Rapid Attack unit, with the former one to become a mobile command unit, and to increase financial accountability by reviewing all spending, discontinue unnecessary payments and plan for responsible spending on items needed by the department of a whole.

They plan to improve the Fire Department's public image by removing all alcohol from the department, getting involved in community events in and outside the fire hall and implement uniform and attitude requirements both on and off duty. The fire hall would get an upgraded alarm system, a refinished floor in the shop area, removal of clutter and outdated or unused equipment and installation of a partition in the office to create secure file storage space.

Finally, they want to focus on teamwork, with all members having a say, leadership that makes everyone be their best, a strong sense of belonging for all members and recognition of members who go above and beyond the call of duty.

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NEWLY ELECTED FIRE CHIEF Peter Hewitt (second from left) and new Deputy Fire Chief Kent Bernard (second from right) brought their list of strategic plans to Mayor Lorne Young, Deputy Mayor Debra McQuinn and Couns. Tim Smereka, Terri Hampson and Dwayne Yaremkevich.

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Town acts on CNRL letter

A Jan. 22 letter from Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL) was brought to council, noting that while CNRL supported the provincial government decision to curtail production based on the average production for the sixth highest months between November 2017 and October 2018, the company does not support the amendment to the curtailment rules issued on Dec. 30, 2018. That amendment used the highest single month between those dates.

The letter stated that the "revised methodology is flawed and clearly discriminatory," with CNRL being burdened with 35 per cent of the curtailment total target volume, while the company's production accounts for 23.9 per cent of all production volumes subject to curtailment, or 46 per cent more volume than its share of production.

The CNRL-owned 150-mile ECHO Pipeline between CNRL's core heavy oil production area in northeast Alberta to Hardisty has a capacity of 58,000 barrels a day and is insulated and designed to operate at higher crude temperatures to reduce viscosity, not requiring the use of condensate to transport heavy oil. The letter stated that it would not be sustainable operationally to operate the pipeline with this reduced amount of production.

An additional one third cut in production over January's amount, would "unnecessarily impact jobs significantly in the heavy oil region," CNRL said.

The letter asked that the Town of Elk Point contact Premier Rachel Notley, Energy Minister Margaret McCuaig-Boyd and the Production Curtailment Issues Panel to express concerns regarding the additional curtailment.

Council quickly agreed to immediately send letters from the office of Mayor Lorne Young to the premier, the energy minister and the panel, with a copy of the letter to be directed to CNRL, stating that the Town of Elk Point is not in support of further curtailment of heavy oil in our area, with further impact on an already stressed economy.

"It will strangle our oil if this goes through," one councillor said, others commenting on the potential 500 to 1,000 job losses across the area.

Council

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We've got a good bunch of dedicated members," the new chief said, "and a lot of bylaws that aren't being enforced."

Hewitt asked to be appointed for a three-year term, rather than the one-year term that has traditionally been in place.

The extended term was brought back before council later in the meeting, with Mayor Lorne Young explaining that the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief are elected to those positions by the firefighters, with town council subsequently appointing the Fire Chief the department has chosen. A recorded vote to go ahead with the three-year appointment was defeated, while a second recorded vote to appoint the chief for one year, with two additional years to be added subject to Fire Board approval passed by a four to one margin.

Library delegation

Town of Elk Point Library manager Daphne Schnurer and Library Board chair Laverne Wilson also attended the meeting, outlining membership statistics, partnerships and planned activities, and requesting a \$4,000 increase in the Town operating grant from the current \$6,000, in order to help the library cope with salaries in the wake of the recent minimum wage hike and to maintain the current 39 hours of operation per week.

They noted that they had been unsuccessful in getting a similar increase from the County of St. Paul and may be forced to cash in a GIC in order to cover the payroll until the county and provincial operating grants arrive.

Their request also came back to the council table later in the evening, when it was noted that the town already spends close to \$60,000 on utilities, maintenance, insurance and janitorial services for the library building, and with the current tight budget, council did not feel they could spend any more, receiving the request as information.

Unightly buildings

A motion from the Jan. 17

Economic Development meeting to bring the Unightly Premises Bylaw, dating back to 2011, to the next council meeting was brought forward. Council was provided with lists and a map of the downtown area showing vacant buildings and discussed what steps should be taken going forward. The mayor said the current bylaw outlines the steps that can be taken, and asked, "Should we use this bylaw or make a new one? If the intent is to do something, we want it to be clear and enforceable. What are we willing to enforce and how deep are our pockets?" One challenge, he said, is that there are more rights on the property owner's side, "and we can't make them change. It's a tough one."

The bylaw was deferred to the March 11 meeting, with administration asked to research other communities' bylaws.

Non-residential garbage

Non-residential landowners in Elk Point are no longer bound by a 1989 bylaw that requires them to use Laidlaw Waste Systems for removal of garbage. The town no longer has a contract with that firm and no longer restricts landowners from using a company of their own choice. All three readings were given to a bylaw rescinding Bylaw 493/89.

Business license bylaw

Elk Point's Business License Bylaw got an overhaul for 2020, with the town offering resident business licenses for half the normal price if they are purchased in January of next year. Businesses that do not purchase their license after that date will be charged the full price plus an administration fee, however a suggestion that sizeable fines be levied was turned down. It was noted that all home-based businesses do require a license. The revised bylaw received all three readings.

Secondhand Goods Bylaw

A new Secondhand Goods Bylaw, replacing its 1984 counterpart and also regulating pawnbrokers, was given all three readings.

Live Streaming

Jena Colbourne was unable to attend the meeting to demonstrate

the use of a camera for live streaming council meetings. The amended bylaw that would allow unbudgeted expenditure for such a camera was given first reading.

"Recreation and Culture appointments

An amendment to the Recreation and Cultural Board Bylaw to allow volunteer members at large from the County of St. Paul to be part of the board was approved. Mayor Young commented, "I think it's a good change, blurring the borders."

Two applications for board members, one from town resident Marguerite Friesen and one from county resident Toni May, were approved.

Economic Development Committee

The format of the Economic Development Committee was also undergoing change, with a County of St. Paul councillor and a member of the executive of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce added to the roster, and the allowed number of volunteer members from the public increased to eight. A recent recruiting blitz resulted in a sizeable stack of applications, from which each member of council will now make independent rankings of the best people for the job, the results to be tallied by the administration.

Atom Hockey Provincials

A request was received from the Elk Point Minor Hockey Provincials Committee for sponsorship of the upcoming event. Council agreed to support the Provincials with \$1,000, as per the town's Provincials Hosting Policy. A second request for snow removal from the arena parking lot and main streets leading to the arena prior to and during the event was turned down due to the lack of manpower and the priority list for snow clearing, however the snow will be cleared prior to the beginning of the tournament.

CARES Project

Council moved to approve a \$3,310 unbudgeted 2018 expense for the Town's 10 per cent of the cost of the CARES Grant Economic Development Project, based on population.



NOTICE COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering Bylaw No. 2019-01 which is a Bylaw to establish an Intermunicipal Development Plan with Lac La Biche County as it relates to all lands and development within the plan area in the County of St. Paul No. 19.

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A Public Hearing will be held for each bylaw on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office in St. Paul.

Copies of the Bylaw may be inspected during normal office hours at the County Office and are available online at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca.

For further information, contact the County Office at 645-3301, ext 205.

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Canadian Natural backs off on threatened job loss after government increases limit

CLARE GAUVREAU
Review Staff

A statement from Canadian Natural Resources to its industry partners suggesting a significant number of heavy oil jobs would be lost in the north-east region if the provincial government went ahead with planned changes to the production curtailment formula Feb. 1, had many in the area holding their breath for several days last week. By Friday, a sign of relief was audible in the area with CNRL responding positively to a government announcement it was adjusting production limits.

"Following the Government of Alberta's announcement of production limits easing for February and March 2019, Canadian Natural's curtailment volume for February 2019 will be reduced. With this increase in allowable production, Canadian Natural will be able to maintain production at levels to safely operate the ECHO pipeline," Canadian Natural spokesperson Julie Woo informed the St. Paul Journal Friday morning.

"Keeping the ECHO pipeline and associated heavy oil production operating means that we will be protecting up to 2,400 jobs for contractors and service providers in the region."

The welcomed news came two days after the province announced Wednesday it was increasing the limit on oil production by 75,000-barrel per day, as storage levels draw down and the value of oil increases.

"We're not out of the woods yet, but this temporary measure is working. While it hasn't been easy, companies big and small have stepped up to help us work through this short-term crisis while we work on longer-term solutions, like our investment in rail and our continued fight for pipelines. I want to thank Alberta producers for working with us to protect the jobs and livelihoods of thousands of Alberta families and businesses, and your cooperation has been key to easing these limits ahead of schedule," said Alberta

Premier Rachel Notley.

"Since the production limit was announced in December 2018, storage levels in Alberta have dropped ahead of schedule, declining by five million barrels to a total of 30 million barrels in storage. Analysis based on independent data suggests storage levels have been decreasing roughly one million barrels per week since the start of 2019 and are on track to continue clearing the storage glut that led to unprecedented discounts for Alberta oil in late 2018," according to a government press release.

The St. Paul Journal initially contacted CNRL Jan. 25 after UCP MLA Dave Hanson provided a letter to the newspaper saying he'd obtained it from a source in the industry that received it as an email from CNRL.

The letter strongly denounced a move by the Alberta government that amends the method for calculating curtailment.

Call to action

In what read as a call to action to its industry partners, CNRL asked them to contact Premier Rachel Notley, Energy Minister Margaret McCuaig-Boyd and the Production Curtailment Issues Panel.

"The disproportionate February 2019 curtailment numbers will hurt jobs, specifically in the Bonnyville/Elk Point/Lloydminster area. Canadian Natural will be required to curtail a third more production in February compared to January, and the reduced production will unnecessarily impact jobs significantly in the heavy oil region."

CNRL had come out in support of the curtailment plan late last year, as did the UCP, and supported the government's plan to curtail production using the average of the six highest months from November 2017 to October 2018. However, "the amended methodology for calculating the baseline uses the single highest month of production in the period of Nov. 2017 to Oct. 2018," which is, according to the letter, "unreasonable and discriminatory" because CNRL is "burdened with 35 per cent of the curtailment total target volume."

Then, Canadian Natural went silent, with Woo telling the Journal last Tuesday only that the company was waiting for information from government and wasn't prepared to comment.

In response, the Alberta government appeared to be staying the course on curtailment, with Mike McKinnon, spokesperson for the Minister of Energy, providing a statement to the St. Paul Journal Wednesday morning in keeping with the message the department has delivered throughout the week to provincial media.

"CNRL fought hard for this policy and we ultimately agreed it was in the best interest of Albertans. Premier Rachel Notley took action to protect the value of the resources owned by all Albertans, and her leadership is instrumental in saving thousands of jobs across the sector," McKinnon stated.

"CNRL has benefited substantially from this temporary policy. We disagree with their characterization and it's disappointing to see them threatening suppliers with job losses when they're being treated the same as other producers. CNRL is being treated fairly and equitably under this policy, which they support, and the company will need to be accountable for their own regional business decisions."

Later that same day, the province announced the new production numbers. However, it did not back off on the amendment to the curtailment formula, which CNRL had cited as the trigger for threatened job loss.

This threat triggered a swift and vocal reaction from industry representatives

and municipal leaders in the region, calling on the government to recognize the far-reaching effects the potential job loss CNRL was signalling would have on the region.

Early in the week, Hanson called for the government to "take a step back and have a look at it and not change the rules. Let's get back to the agreement that we had agreed to back in November/December. Unfortunately, the place that they (CNRL) have chosen to do their curtailment is in the places that affects our whole region so it could be devastating for communities like St. Paul, Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Elk Point especially."

Welcomed reprieve

On Friday, Hanson said curtailment must only be viewed as a temporary measure and improved stability in the oil sector will only come with pipelines to the coast.

"There probably was a certain amount of politics being played but ultimately we got the Echo line to stay open, which was our goal."

Darrel Youngmans, County of St. Paul Division 1 councillor, said Friday's reprieve was good news for his division, Elk Point and the county as a whole, adding the alternative could have been devastating.

"Locally, in this division, there are many people working directly in the industry and they would have been affected I'm sure and, overall, budget wise if CNRL starts shutting well in that makes for a very big impact on the county."

Interested in local history?

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

If you are interested in the history of Elk Point and surrounding area, either the fur trade era when Fort George and Buckingham House were built in the 1790s or the coming of the settlers who built the community we enjoy today, two local groups would be happy to add you to their membership.

Elk Point Historical Society dates back to 1975, when the society was formed with the goal of publishing a history book, with 'Reflections - a History of Elk Point and District' going to press in 1977 and a second volume, 'Supplement to Reflections', published the following year.

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EDITORIAL

Snow days not for everyone

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Think of the snow plow operators who have no choice but to get out there and keep the highways and side roads open, school buses or no school buses.

Think of the emergency service people who may have to deal with emergencies caused by the snow and cold, and hampered by the weather as they do it.

Think of the oilfield workers who can't just let the tanks overflow because it's too cold to be out there.

And think of the farmers and ranchers whose livestock has to be fed, watered and checked on in the middle of the night. Fortunately, some of them have school age kids home to help with that! It's the cold, hard truth, here in the real world.

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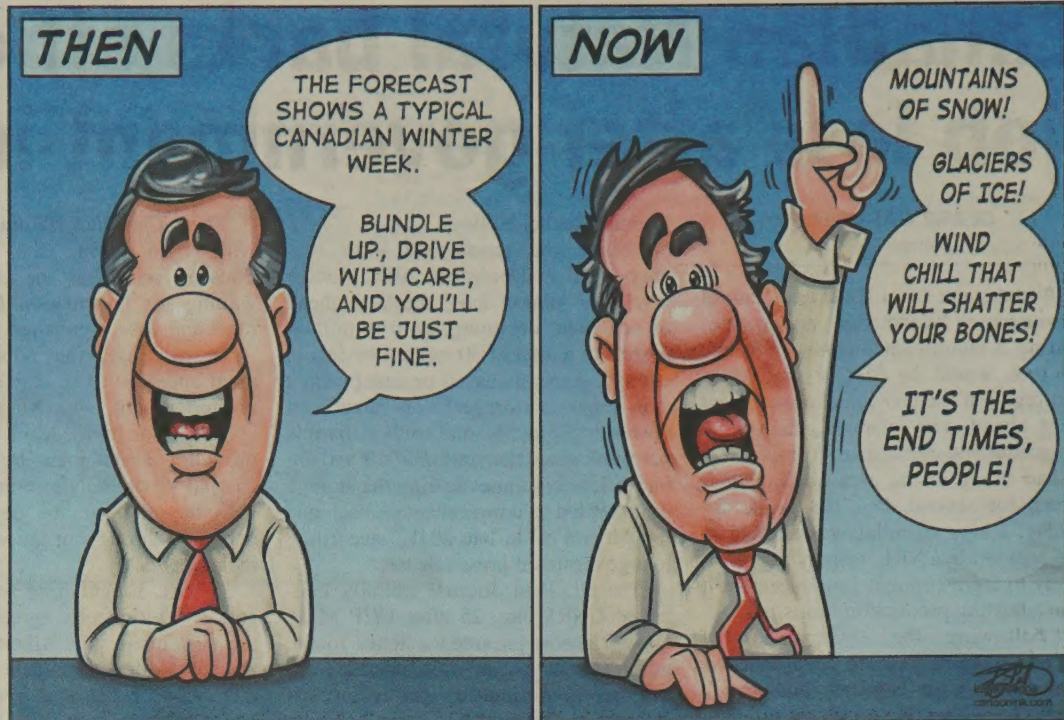
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Did someone travel with you? You may be able to claim that person's transportation and travel expenses. To make that claim, a medical practitioner must certify in writing that you were not capable of travelling alone to get medical services.

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Ballots, beds, breakfast and bonspiels

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 4 IN...

1989

Elk Point candidate Donna Dahmer was out on the fourth ballot at the Beaver River Progressive Conservative nomination convention, with Dave Broda of Redwater winning the fifth ballot to represent the PCs in the by-election to replace the late John Dahmer. Town council took a Monday-night blizzard as a signal to implement their new winter garbage policy of street-front pickup, only to receive word on Tuesday that the garbage truck had broken down.

1994

The league-leading Elk Point Elks outshone the SaskAlta League All-Stars 9-6, with two goals each by Murray Scoggins, Dwayne Karbaszewski and Layne Gauchier and singles by Kelly Harms, Cory Laboucane and Terry Wozniak. Vulcan Electric's Don Clark, Jim Mykyte, Al MacPherson and Neil Studer won the Grand Challenge at the 44-rink, 11th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel, defeating the NALCO rink skipped by Ron Dinkel.

1999

The Lakeland Regional Health Authority board spared long term and active care beds as they approved changes that would cut \$4,663,148 from their budget over three years, with the closure of all of Elk Point's acute care beds voted down by a 12-2 margin. Bonnyville curlers Irven Courts, Terry Schaeppert, Gordie Fullerton and Kelly Gagne won the Elk Point Men's Open Bonspiel with a win over Sheldon Ballas, Bryce and Lane Lorensen and Vince Nelson.

2004

St. George's Masonic Lodge celebrated its 50th

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

anniversary with a dinner at which Worshipful Master Dennis Heney stated, "I stand in awe of the legacy left to us by our predecessors." MLA Ray Danyluk told constituents at a breakfast meeting that he was part of a committee gathering input across the province to determine ways to enhance Alberta's role in Confederation.

2009

Leonard Gadowski boosted his Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel record to five out of the previous six when he and Norm Hempel, Richard Smyl and Curtis Porcina swept their Shamrock Valley Enterprises rink to victory over BJ Tool Services' Jeff Latos, Shane Freeson, Trent Cherry and Trevor Gilby. Ian Huffman accepted the golden pumpjack trophy as Oilman of the Year, while Doug Callbeck and Al Pankiw were presented with lifetime memberships.

2014

Senior member Roy Tymko, intermediate Nicole Bristow and junior Macey Ann Marcoux were the winners at Elk Point 4-H Beef Club's annual public speaking competition.



DEANNA EASTHOPE cuts the ceremonial rose-topped cake at a very posh, English-style high tea held in her honour last Friday to mark her retirement from a very rewarding 27-year career with FCCS Departments in Red Deer, St. Paul and Elk Point.

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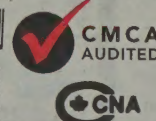
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Midget Avalanche goalies get the job done in first round of provincial playoffs

Some of you may argue, but I maintain that the goalie is the most important position in hockey. Without a good goalie teams will never go very far in playoffs or get the provincial finals. The Midget Avalanche are fortunate this year in that department. Not just one, but both of their goalies are playing red hot right now and on top of their game.



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Review Sports

Last Tuesday night Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maarion got the call and played one heck of a game, one of the best games I have ever seen him

play. He shut the door, and threw away the key on the Kitscoty Pitbulls. The Avalanche defeated the Pitbulls 1 to 0 in the first provincial round robin game. The Pitbull goalie was no sluff either. He was hard to beat. Only one goal and it was a bit of a fluke at that, by Hank 'the Tank' Rogal. Somehow the puck popped up and over the goalie and dropped behind him. When the play stopped, it was just over the line. Nick 'Sparky' Anderson and brother Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal with the assists.

The second game of this tight two game, total point series will be sometime this coming weekend in Kitscoty. Lets go Avalanche!

On Sunday afternoon the second half of the goal-tending tandem 'Sexy Slader' Hardcastle was between the pipes and played fantastic too, against the Vermilion Tigers. He faced 37 shots, stopping all of them except two. The final score 5 to 2 for the Avalanche. Team captain Nick 'Sparky' Anderson with two goals and an assist. One of the goals, a nice one timer on the power play when he was set up by lanky D-man Evan 'Batman' Ockerman. The second one scored short handed, 'Sparky' deking out the goalie. Our arena caretaker Brian Poitras described it after the game as "the most filthy sick goals he has every seen in his life. It made his face twist!" Just in case you didn't already know, 'Sparky' has a little bit of talent and a lot of creativity! Two goals and an assist for 'Hank the Tank' Rogal who always plays a solid two-way game, rugged winger Chase 'Rink Rat' Dorey with one goal, set up man 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage and his shotgun wingman Dallas 'Cowboy' Bristow picking up the assists.

Atom Avalanche action

It was a wicked cold Saturday morning (minus 33) and lots of people were still shoveling out from the day before, if they went outside at all. But that didn't deter the Atom Avalanche, who ventured out to Glendon Saturday morning. The snowy weather was a bit better than the day before, but the roads certainly not that great. The Avalanche had handed Glendon a 6 to 3 loss the week before in our barn, but it was a different story when they returned to the Perogy village, Glendon, winning this one 3 to 2. Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand scoring both goals for the Avalanche and both of them unassisted.

The Atom Avalanche are a tier three team and will be hosting the D provincials in the middle of March. Trying to up their game to that level, they had booked a game against Paradise Valley, a tier two team that sits somewhere in the middle of the division. The game was very one-sided for the first period, our team not skating at this level of speed and getting called for hooking, tripping and holding, trying to stop the Jets. After the first period the team played much better and picked up the pace, the score still very one sided, and the shots on goal very one sided. 'Mad Dog' with two goals, one of them scored while the Avalanche were short handed. He may have scored a few more, but he seemed to be running out of real estate every time he took off on a rush and the Jets' D-men steered him to the outside. This is where you need some other players rushing to the net with their sticks on the ice ready to receive a pass. Defenseman Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans-Anderson getting the green light and going coast to coast with two goals and an assist. 'Without a Trace' Morgan played a strong game poke checking the puck away from the Jets, with a goal and an assist. Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMoissac and Braylee 'Wee Willy' Lesyk each with an assist, and goalie 'Goodyear' Charlie Lesyk getting a good workout, facing 63 shots. Rookie referee 'Kid Kade' Fontaine, who is also the peewee goalie, getting a chance to make a little cash and gain a little experience, was one of the officials doing the game with the more experienced Kaiden



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Evans-Anderson, the 'Kid' looking very confident and doing a fine job.

The night before, the 'Kid' was very confident in the position he knows best, behind the mask and in the cage, he came up huge against the Onion Lake Chiefs. The Chiefs are the top team in the tier three league and the Peeewe team travelled there late Saturday afternoon, coming home with a 0 to 0 tie.

On Sunday against Cold Lake at home, the Peeewees winning this one 5 to 1. Timmy 'Freight Train' Cardinal with two goals. His mother Margaret, busy working the game sheet, missed seeing both of them. The birthday boy, Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman with two goals. Brayden 'Pinball' Pinette with a goal. His parents were busy working the concession and missed it, but I can tell you it was a pretty nice goal, 'Pinball' going roof, Daddy! Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron working his butt off getting some turnovers with an assist. Another grinder doing his share of the grunt work, Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand with two assists. And celebrating his 12th birthday today, Gavin 'Giver' Kadutski with an assist. 'Giver' never gives up, ever! He's a small package with a huge heart. A terrific game for defense woman Spencer 'Goldie Locks' Malachowski. No one gets past her on defense. She made two trips over to the sin bin but plays with a ton of passion.

Bantams move on to next round

In out of town action, Landon 'the Magnificent' Malachowski and 'Mick Jager' Fontaine playing for the St. Paul Bantam team defeated Lac La Biche on the weekend in provincial round robin and will be playing Kitscoty in the next round. In league play, they recently defeated Kitscoty 8 to 1, so it's looking really good for our boys to advance to the next round.

Local peewees score in AA action

In AA peewee action, 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras and Cash 'Paycheque' Capjack playing for the Lakeland Panthers both scored a goal in a 3 to 2 win over Peace River this past Saturday night up in Bonnyville.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "I think someone should explain to the child that it's OK to make mistakes. That's how we learn. When we compete, we make mistakes." - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

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OUTSTANDING COMMUNICATORS - Elk Point 4-H Beef Club members held their annual Communications event on Sunday, and did an excellent job with both speeches and presentations. Back row, left to right, are top senior speaker Kailey Wirsta, top intermediate demonstrator Luke Germain, Shaylyn Klatt, Dallas Bristow; centre, left to right, Cloey Germain, Alysa Jean, MC Lexi Wirsta, Nicole Bristow, intermediate speaker Darianna Boorse; front, left to right, top junior demonstrator Shyanne Klatt, Zack Germain and junior speaker Jove Boorse.



JUDGES AND SUPPORT STAFF were recognized with gifts. Left to right are Jennifer Germain, Lucille Smith, Glenda Bristow, Ellen Seward, Janice Wirsta, Lana MacDonald, Ruth Purdy, Kim Reed, Susan Frisby and Lionel Romanchuk.

WELL EQUIPPED BACKPACKER - Junior demonstrator Shyanne Klatt was ready for anything a hiker might encounter with her array of camp-out gear.

Chamber AGM tomorrow

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2019 Annual General Meeting tomorrow at noon, in preparation for another busy year.

The election of the chamber's executive is always part of the AGM, and while current president Terri Hampson has indicated that the 2018 executive would be prepared to stay in their roles for another year, "We welcome any and all nominations from the floor for our election. I would let my name stand if there is no one else interested."

A few changes in wording of the chamber's bylaws are also being considered at the meeting, including one regarding a clause stating that two consecutive terms is the maximum period for a person to be on the executive, unless 2/3 of the membership passes a resolution to allow an additional term.

"I would like it to be for the entire executive; we have to make it make sense for our small chamber, there are only so many people we can draw from and who are interested," Hampson says.

Another proposed change is that the president or executive designate will sit on the Town of Elk Point Economic Development Committee as a voting member.

Looking back at the past year, Hampson is enthusiastic about the progress made. "I believe we are on a strong path forward with a diverse cross section of representation at the Chamber table. We will continue to grow and work toward a strong mandate of advocating and being a voice for not only our businesses, but our community as a whole."

The chamber would welcome any new and interested members to attend the AGM and the regular meeting that will follow.

Communications

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Dallas Bristow's speech on "Birth," which dealt with the many issues facing cattle producers at calving time, "was all about what farmers and ranchers need to know," Purdy said, while his sister Nicole's speech, "How 4-H Helped Me Fly," outlining an award trip to a Toronto conference, showed the value of participating in 4-H activities, Purdy commenting that "Trips like that are awesome."

Former Elk Point 4-H member Kim Reed and Lana MacDonald were also part of the speech judging team, and with Purdy, enjoyed listening to the prepared speeches and the impromptus that followed.

Judge Susan Frisby spoke on behalf of the Presentation judges, including Glenda Bristow and Lionel Romanchuk, and said the presentations showed "wonderful passion for the subjects and good use of visual aids. The questions the judges ask are like those you might hear in a job interview."

Shyanne Klatt led the Junior presentations with her demonstration of the equipment needed for "Backpacking Overnight," with Cloey Germain placing second with her own version of a TV cooking show, "Cookies With Cloey," both those young ladies explaining the uses of every piece of equipment and cooking ingredient and their importance. Alysa Jean, with many interesting facts about "Alaskan Wildlife" and Zack Germain, with his presentation on "Curling," also showed good knowledge of their subjects and good use of research.

Luke Germain placed first in the Intermediate section with his demonstration on the fine art of "Making a European Deer Mount," while Shaylyn Klatt, demonstrating how to saddle and bridle a horse, was second with "The Horn Does Not Go Beep, Beep."

Results of the judges' deliberations were tallied by Lucille Smith and Ellen Seward, who also served as timers for the event, while Janice Wirsta and Jennifer Germain were in charge of the Impromptu table.

Elk Point's top competitors will go up against the best from the other clubs in the St. Paul 4-H district at the District Communications competition on March 10 in Goodridge.

Elks lead best-of-five series

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Another weekend of hockey is in the books. Three nights, three games and two wins for the Elk Point Elks, who defeated the Meadow Lake Broncos tonight by a score of 7-3.

They will be back at home for Game 4 on Wednesday with an 8:00 p.m. puck drop.

The Elks won the first game of the best-of-five series on Friday night at home, defeating the Broncos 6-4. The visitors were first on the scoreboard, just under four minutes into the game, with Myles Quinney, assisted by Dyson Karbaszewski, tying the score within a minute and 21 seconds. The Elks added another, Christian Nypower assisted by Justin Nattress, later in the first period.

Meadow Lake would tie it up early in the second, with Scott Ward giving the Elks the go-ahead goal off assists by Matthew Boulianne and Nattress five minutes later, but

Meadow Lake would tie it again before the end of the period.

Myles Whitford, unassisted, and Matthew Boulianne, assisted by Nypower and Jordyn Wozniak, scored a pair early in the third, the two-goal lead remaining until the Broncos scored their final of the game with almost three minutes left on the clock, and Ward slamming home a shot from Nypower for a final score of 6-4 in the Elks' favor.

The Elks report that "Meadow Lake outshot us, so thanks to our goal tender Paul Boulianne for a great job between the pipes! This was a fast paced, action packed game, a job well done by all the players."

On the road...

The Elks fell short Saturday night after the long ride to Meadow Lake for game two, although both teams were very evenly matched in the first two periods. After a scoreless first period, a Broncos goal early in the second was answered by three from the Elks, Silas Makokis scoring unassisted, Whitford off

helpers from Nattress and Jordyn Wozniak, and Matthew Boulianne assisted by Jordyn Wozniak and Sean Joly, before the Broncos added a pair of their own.

The Broncos would add four more goals in the final frame, compared to two from Elks' Whitford, one unassisted and one assisted by Nattress, for a final score of 7-5 for Meadow Lake, tying the series at one game apiece.

Sunday's game saw the Elks take a 4-0 lead in the first period, with goals by Nypower, Kurt Franklin, Nathan Pundick and Nattress, off assists by Ward, Joly, Pundick and Dillon Kalinski. The Broncos scored early in the second and added two more later in the period, while Makokis added one to the Elks' tally, assisted by Dyson Karbaszewski and Jean-Guy Boisvert. The final period started with another Elks goal by Nypower, assisted by Whitford, who scored the Elks seventh goal later in the period, assisted by Kalinski and Franklin.

Local history

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In more recent years, the Historical Society has published several other volumes of local and family history, including those written by pioneer doctor F. G. Miller and theatre owner and history buff Steve Andrishak, and developed a website that enables people near and far to learn about Elk Point and its history.

The society also spearheaded the creation of the Elk Point Historical Mural a decade later, in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers.

The Historical Society was instrumental in lobbying the Province of Alberta for many years to have the sites of Fort George and Buckingham House preserved as a historic site, with the 1992 opening of that long-awaited site and its multimedia interpretive centre

coinciding with the Bicentennial of the building of the two forts.

Soon after the Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site became a reality, the Friends of the Forts was formed as part of the Historical Society, to help support and promote the site and assist with events held there. That group later became a separate entity, but with membership of both groups shrinking with time and age, and most of the remaining members being part of both, the two meet together, with one question brought up at almost every meeting: "What can we do to increase membership?"

The first joint meeting of the Elk Point Historical Society and Friends of the Forts in 2019 is slated for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Elk Point Library's meeting room, and everyone with an interest in history is welcome to come and find out what is new in the world of local history. Hope to see you there!